



PARK BELL

ST. MARY'S PARK IMPROVEMENT CLUB

Greetings Friends & Neighbors! ¡Bienvenidos! Mabuhay! Bon Giorno! 您好

August, 1998

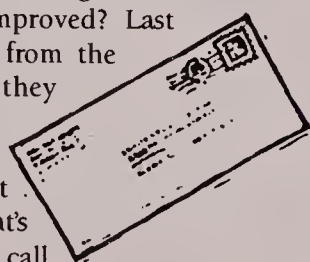
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's vacation time. In fact, I just returned from a week in Kentucky visiting relatives. And, was I ever glad to get home! I've gotten really spoiled by the great food we have here, the diverse cultures living side by side in our City, and our weather. Plus, of course, this great neighborhood.

At the July meeting, Armando Pulido reported some disturbing news. It seems that someone anonymously complained to the Building Inspector's Department claiming that too many people lived at several homes on upper College. I have communicated with the homeowners and a representative from the Building Inspector's Dept. The inspectors did not find any evidence that too many people were living at the residences in question. But, as a result of this unwarranted harassment, one of the affected homeowners will have to spend several hundred dollars (or more) retrofitting his downstairs area to bring it up to current code.

Whatever the motives of the anonymous caller, the results have been very upsetting to the victimized homeowners. Calling the police when there's too much noise or suspicious activity is being a responsible neighbor. Calling in building inspectors is quite something else. With the possible exception of those recently purchased homes that were repaired with extensive permits, there's probably not a house in this neighborhood that doesn't have some little thing out of code. When you make an unfounded call to some City departments, it can have disastrous results. Please think carefully before making that call.

Has your mail service improved? Last month, we got assurances from the US Postal Service that they would put a new permanent carrier in place and that the mail would be delivered at more reasonable times. What's your experience? Give me a call and let me know. 285-7425.



And, finally, we'd like to solicit your ideas on topics for upcoming Club meetings. Is there something you've always wanted to know about or think might be of interest to the Club? Is there someone in the City or region you'd like to have speak to us? Again, give me a call or drop me a line at the Club mail box: SMPIC, 2966 Diamond St., #121, SF 94131.

See you at the August meeting. Don't forget to bring a can of food!

Jonna Ramey



Club Meeting August 11th Help Out the SF Food Bank

Did you know that there are 90,000+ people in San Francisco who go hungry? That's a huge number. The San Francisco Food Bank supplies free food to these people and to organizations that help them. We've invited a speaker from the Food Bank to come and tell us about what they do and how people can help out.

We're asking members to bring at least one canned food item to the August 11th meeting to be donated to the Food Bank. So, come to the meeting to learn some valuable information, do a good deed, and visit with neighbors. Refreshments will be provided by Mary Ramirez.



President's Garden Award

This month's Garden Award goes to the homeowners at 427 College. Fairly new neighbors in the Park, they've revived their lawn, added a drip irrigation and sprinkler system, and installed many lovely drought tolerant and colorful plantings. Welcome to the neighborhood and thanks for the attention to your yard!



Club Picnic in September

September 20th is the date for this year's Club picnic. All St. Mary's Park neighbors are invited to this great day of fun in the sun. There will be races and games for kids, with prizes galore! This event is a potluck, so bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share. The Club will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, vege-burgers, chips, cold drinks and condiments.

We'll be holding a plant exchange at the picnic. Bring potted plants, succulents, bulbs or cuttings to share with your neighbors. And, this year, we'll also include a book exchange. So, bring a book (or ten) to pass on and pick up some new reading material for yourself.

Of course, no St. Mary's Park picnic would be complete without a cake walk. Tickets for the cake walk and raffle are \$1.00 each, so don't forget your wallet. We've got some great bakers lined up to make cakes. We can always use more. If you would like to volunteer a cake or help with the set-up or food buying, please call Jonna Ramey at 285-7425.



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JULIO DELUCCHI
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Thanks to the Benton Island Renovation Crew

These neighbors gave up a beautiful Saturday in July to refresh flower beds, lay bender board and mulch trees. We all owe them a vote of thanks!



Erik Poole (Island Committee Chair)



Maggie Salgado

Marie Salgado

Ethan Lucas



Kristi Dinelli

Elsie Aviles

Mary Ramirez

Helen Lopez & Rodrigo



Marlo Contreras

Diane Shaskey (Past president)

Eve Aylward

Danna Peterson

Jonna Ramey (President)

Niel Rhoads



Jan Knudson & Tommy

Dennis Billingsley

George Chen

Link (The mascot)



Chris Montgomery (DPW)

And a special thanks to Ethan Lucas who spent many long hours repairing several sprinkler heads during our July heat wave. Thanks, Ethan!

SMPIC Minutes of July 14, 1998

by Mary F. Ramirez, Secretary



The meeting was called to order by President Jonna Ramey, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of 6/9/98 were read and approved. Finance Officer Alex Balderramos gave a financial

report and breakdown of finances. Our balance is \$4,584.00. Our scheduled speaker, Lois DeCastro broke her foot and could not make presentation as scheduled for meeting. A Sunshine Report was given by Armando Pulido. Bill Fosset reported on the Garage Sale. He said it was a very successful, good turnout for the 30 homeowners who participated. The annual picnic will be held on 9/20/98. Anyone interested in helping out can contact Jonna Ramey. Benton Island Report and poster photos were on display. Special thanks to Chris Montgomery of SF Public Works and Danna Peterson, Chairperson of Island Committee. Awards for Brendan and Jeff Mila as well as Joe Guinasso were read by President Ramey in gratitude for their landscaping and community services. Jewel Walli reported she has 50 tickets for the SF Symphony on 9/11/98 at Davies Hall for \$10 each. She can be reached at 585-9064. There will be an estate sale at Bob Ford's home on 8/ /98. Scott Feldman gave an update report on Everest Market license. The Board of Supervisors denied the license and now it goes to the ABC. President Ramey gave an update on the mail carrier service. President Ramey said the proposed dog park was passed by the full Board of Supervisors and the next process is getting a work order. A raffle was held and the meeting was adjourned.

*Erik
is
Chairman*



IMPORTANT SMPIC DATES

Aug. 11, 7:30 pm	Club meeting, w/ Speaker from SF Food Bank
Sept. 8, 7:30 pm	Club meeting, topic to be determined
Sept. 20, noon	Neighborhood Picnic
Oct. 13, 7:30 pm	Candidates night @ SMP, Nominations for 1999 Executive Board



Club Finance Report

by Alex Balderramos, Finance Officer

As of 7/31/98: Balance at the end of June was \$4,584.31. We had expenditures for renovating Benton island of \$619.67 and general island maintenance of \$122. We deposited \$220 in dues and collected \$690 in donations from Barbara Phipps, Danna Peterson, Annette Hagan and Juan Villata. This brings our new balance to \$4,752.64. Thanks to our dues paying members and those who have contributed donations.

Finance Report Commentary

by Jonna Ramey, President

We've taken on the expense of professional, fully insured lawn maintenance for the islands. This will cost \$475/month, or \$2,850 through the end of the year. This leaves us \$1,902.64 to fund our annual picnic, jack-o-lantern contest, Santa's visit, winter holiday celebration, Club administration and printing expenses for the newsletter for 1999. To maintain this level of Club activity in 1999, we'll have to raise dues and Park Bell advertising rates. The Finance Officer and the Membership committee will look at our overall 1999 budget and determine the rates. We'll keep you posted.

Neighbor/Advertiser Profile

John Aspelin is both a St. Mary's Park resident and a Park Bell advertiser. He is also an S.F. native. John and his family have been living in the park for about 3 years and have already contributed much(see last month's spotlight on SMP's youth). John is also an attorney, practicing for 25 years. His office is downtown, close to the Montgomery BART station. He and his law partner, Jim Bridgman do personal injury, wills, estates, business and conservatorship work. They are quite adept at languages, speaking english, spanish, french and german between the two of them. For St. Mary's Park residents, they offer a free half hour consultation, so go say "Hello", "Holá", "Allo" or "Gutentag" to see if he and/or his partner can help you with your legal needs!

The Flag Pole

You might have noticed that our flag pole has been repainted recently. That's thanks to Fred Haber, a College Avenue neighbor and professional painter. He has taken the ball off the top of the pole and is repairing and gold-leaving it. Look for it soon above our bright new flags. Thanks Fred!

Garage Sale a Financial Success

Bill Fossett, the chairman of this year's neighborhood garage sale just turned in his report to Finance Officer Alex Balderramos. 30 households participated and paid \$10 each, bringing in \$300. We spent \$201.04 in advertising through the Chronicle, Examiner, east bay Express and 7 peninsula papers. Thanks, Bill, for a great event.



Everest Market Update

As a result of the SF Board of Supervisors denying approval of the liquor license for the Everest Market at 4004 Mission Street, the State Department of Alcohol Beverage Control also denied the license. It is our understanding that the store owner may appeal this decision. Since he's put up a new sign advertising liquor among other things, we can only assume he is appealing the ruling. The Club will continue to actively oppose this license as long as the store sells reconditioned electronics and pagers. We have requested that the ABC keep us apprised of all developments. We'll let you know when we know.



ST. MARY'S PARK CRIME WATCH

The Ingleside Police Station provided the following information about crimes reported in St. Mary's Park and the surrounding area.

Type of Crime	6/98	7/98
Homicide	1	0
Robbery	2	1
Assault	2	2
Burglary	0	0
Theft	6	3
Auto	2	5
Other	13	11
Total	26	22

During June, 7 reported incidents occurred in St. Mary's Park itself. A robbery and two thefts from an auto occurred on Agnon. Another theft from a car occurred on the 400 block of College. An auto was stolen and recovered from the 500 block of Justin. A warrant arrest was made in the first block of Justin. The homicide reported for the area occurred in the 400 block of Alemany.

During July, 6 reported incidents occurred in the neighborhood. A robbery and strongarm incident occurred in the 200 block of Murray Street. A purse snatching occurred in the 400 block of Justin. A firecracker-related incident also occurred in the 400 block of Justin. A parole violation and a graffiti-related malicious mischief incident were reported for St. Mary's Park.

Park residents are strongly encouraged to report ALL suspicious activity to the Police. We all can help to keep the Park safe by making sure the Police are aware of each and every crime.

By Scott Feldman

SMPIC Execs Meet Supe Bierman

Club President Jonna Ramey and Vice President Scott Feldman recently met with Supervisor Sue Bierman and her assistant, June Gutfleisch, in Supervisor Bierman's Van Ness Avenue office. They discussed the situation with liquor licenses along the Mission Street corridor between Randall and Trumbull Streets.

The Supervisor was gracious and enthusiastic," said VP Scott Feldman, "She shares our concerns and wants to actively help out."

As a result of the meeting, Ms. Gutfleisch is working closely with the City Attorney's office and President Ramey to extend the boundary of the liquor license moratorium along Mission Street from Randall to Trumbull (just before the Cala market). We'll keep you posted on this project as it unfolds.

Island Watering Update

Many neighbors volunteered for the island watering detail. Thank you all! However, we still need someone to volunteer as the main waterer for the patches. Here's our 98-99 Watering Crew. If you see them out watering, give them a wave or a "Howdy." They're keeping the neighborhood green for us all. Once the islands are "greened up," the watering schedule will settle on a Sunday-Wednesday morning system. By the way, did you know that since the neighborhood is designed as a bell, the 2 grassy patches at the foot of College are the clapper for the bell and the islands are the clapper stem? Clever landscape design.

Benton island:

Waterer: Ethan Lucas 587-2120

Back up: Maggie Salgado 333-6123

Patches at the bottom of College

Waterer: ???

Back up: Jonna Ramey 285-7425 or Guido Guinasso 585-3187

200 College island

Waterer: Armando Pulido 239-4221

Back up: Carlos Tenorio 282-9478

300 College island

Waterer: Helen Lopez or Marlo Contreras

587-7759

Back up: Bob Lazzaretto 585-9592

400 College island

Waterer: Guido Guinasso 585-3187

Back up: Jeff Milla 334-3619

500 College island

Waterer: Dennis Billingsley

Back up: John Booth 333-4678

& Dominic Crociani 585-0983

Justin island

Waterer: Matthy & Ed Saquilayan 586-2289

Back up: Charles Sabatini 333-2696

